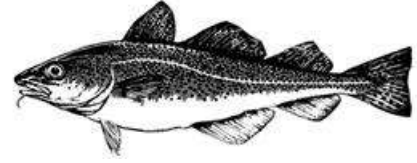


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**KODIAK and CHIGNIK AREAS  
PACIFIC COD SEASONS**

National Marine Fisheries Service is opening directed fishing for Pacific cod by vessels using pot gear in the Central Gulf of Alaska at 12 noon October 29, 2012.

State waters of the Kodiak Management Area will remain open to Pacific cod fishing for vessels using jig gear; however, state waters of the Kodiak Management Area will open for pot gear at 12 noon October 29, 2012 to parallel Pacific cod fishing in conjunction with the pot gear opening in federal waters of the Central Gulf of Alaska.

State waters of the Chignik Management Area will remain open to Pacific cod fishing for vessels using jig and pot gear under the state-waters Pacific cod fishery, the parallel Pacific cod season for pot gear in the Chignik Area will remain closed.

For more information, contact the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in Kodiak at 486-1840.